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## SYNONYMS.

"Things which are equal to the same thing, are equal to each other."—*Axiom No. 1, p. 19 Davies' Legendre, Edition 1860.*

Few physicians know that many of the "new remedies" marketed under fanciful trade names are identical with remedies having dissimilar names, or are old preparations which have been given fancy names in order to create a false market for the thing in question. For the benefit of physicians and pharmacists the following table has been compiled and will be added to as the requisite information is obtained. The information is secured from chemists and from medical and pharmaceutical journals, and is correct in the main. Should any errors creep in they will be corrected as soon as detected. *Until sufficient evidence to the contrary is forthcoming, it must be assumed that there is no question of substitution involved when the pharmacist supplies a given article under any one of its synonymous names.*

<b>Adeps lane hydrosus</b> .....	{ Anasalpin Lanolin Lanum Argentum Crede Collargol Colloidal silver Benzo-naphthol Benzoyl-beta-naphthol
<b>Argentum Colloidale</b> .....	{ Betol Naphthalol Naphthosalol Salinaptol
<b>Beta-naphthol benzoate</b> .....	{ Antisepsin Asepsin
<b>Beta-naphthol Salicylate</b> ....	{ Airol Airogen Airoform
<b>Bromacetanilid</b> .....	{ Abrastol Asaprol
<b>Bismuth-iodo-subgallate</b> .....	{ Dormiol Amylene-chloral
<b>Calcium beta-naphthol sulphonate</b> .....	{ Aristol Annidalin Di Thymol Iodid Di Iodo Dithymol (And several other similar names.)
<b>Dimethyl - ethyl - carbinol chloral</b> .....	{ Antidolorin Ethylol Kelene Mono-chlor-ethane
<b>Dithymol Diiodid</b> .....	{ Aminoform Ammonio-formaldehyde Cystogen Formin Saliformin Urotropin Helmitol
<b>Ethyl chlorid</b> .....	{ *Benzanalgene *Analgen *Quinalgen
<b>Hexamethylene-tetramine</b> ...	{ Dulcin Sucrol Analgesin Anodynin Antipyrin Dimethyloxy-quinizin Methozan Phenazon (B. P.) Phenylon Pyrazin Pyrazolin Parodyn Salazon Sedatin
<b>"", anhydromethylen citrate..</b>	
<b>Ortho - ethoxy - ana - mono - benzoyl-amido-chinolin....</b>	
<b>Paraphenetin carbamid</b> .....	
<b>Phenyl-dimethyl-parazonol .</b> (Germ. Pharm.)	

<b>Phenylacetamide</b> .....	{ Acetanilid Antifebrin (And several hundreds of trade names for headache powders, etc.)
<b>Phenylmethyl-ketone</b> .....	{ Acetophenone Hypnone
<b>Plant pepsin</b> .....	{ Papain Papoid Papayotin Caroid
<b>Salicylic acid ester of quinine</b> .....	{ Salochinin Saloquinin
<b>Salicylate of Salochinin</b> .....	{ Rheumatin
<b>Sodium sulpho-cafeate</b> .....	{ Nasrol Symphoral
<b>Thyroid gland, dried lactose trituration</b> .....	{ Iodothyrene Thyroidin
<b>Trioxymethylen</b> .....	{ Paraformaldehyde Paraform Triformol

Acetyl-salicylic acid = Aspirin  
 Aluminum aceto-tartrate = Alsol  
 Australian oil Eucalyptus = Flucol  
 Bismuth chrysophanat = Dermol  
 Bismuth phosphate (soluble) = Bisol  
 Bismuth pyrogallate = Helcosol  
 Bismuth subgallate = Dermatol  
 Bismuth beta-naphtholate = Orphal  
 Calcium permanganate = Acerdol  
 Calcium salicylate = Colchicin  
 Catarin hydrochlorid = Stypticin  
 Chloreton, 1% solution = Aneson  
 Creosote carbonat = Creosotal  
 Diethylen-diamin = Piperazin  
 Guaiacol carbonate = Duotal  
 Magnesium dioxid = Biogen  
 Oxyquinaseptol = Diaphtherin  
 Phenyl-ethyl urethan = Euphorin  
 Saccharin = Garantose  
 Subgallate of bismuth = Dermatol  
 Sodium chlorate = Oxychlorine  
 Sodium beta-naphtholate = Microcidin  
 Tang-Kui, Fl. extract = Eumenol  
 Trichloroacetic acid, 50% solution = Acetocautic

**A Reading Notice.** Last month the JOURNAL printed in this space an extract from an editorial printed in a recent number of the *New York Medical Journal*, and signed by Dr. Roberts Bartholow, in which Dr. Bartholow commented favorably on "A Valuable Hypnotic." In the editorial the statement was made that the chemical in question was not a controlled article, and owing to that fact we published the abstract. Since the issue of the December number, we have been advised that certain persons look upon the abstract as a "reading notice." If it is a reading notice, we certainly were not the ones to receive the compensation; nor does the JOURNAL carry the advertisement of the firm supposed to be benefited. If it is a "reading notice," then does the *New York Medical Journal* publish signed editorial reading notices, in its most conservative of pages. It is exceedingly difficult to determine what is the truth, when working in a field so well occupied with liars, both in the trade and out of it, so we are somewhat at a loss to determine the status of the article in question. We are inclined to believe that neither Dr. Bartholow, nor the editor of the *New York Medical Journal*, would lend themselves to such a write-up scheme. There must be a mistake somewhere.